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As the week began all prices were unchanged in New York. Elsewhere prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on the smaller sizes. As the week progressed prices in New York were lower on mediums but unchanged on the larger sizes. Prices were unchanged in most other areas. The trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies were tight to adequate for larger sizes and adequate to fully available for the smaller sizes. Breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample. Demand was light to moderate. Floor stocks were balanced to mostly fully adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Majority prices on removal costs for spent hens were unchanged. Offerings were ample with a fairly good demand. Many producers were utilizing rendering operations as slaughter functions were currently running at capacity. Trade sentiment was unsettled. Removal prices ranged .5-14 cents, mostly 5-6 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Cartoned demand was light to mostly moderate. Food service movement was light to instances moderate. Supplies were adequate to tight for the larger sizes and adequate to fully adequate for medium and small. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for the lighter weight breaking stock and adequate to more available for the heavy breaking stock. Floor stocks closely balanced to usually fully adequate. Schedules full-time for the rest of the week. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49-59	50-56
LARGE	48-58	49-52
MEDIUM	18-28	20-23
MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA		

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however mediums were trending slightly lower. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady. Demand ranged mostly light to moderate. Supplies were usually adequate to available, with medium eggs in the longest position. Breaking stock demand was reported as mostly light for sufficient offerings. Spent hens were fully adequate to ample for slaughter schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	56-75	60-64
LARGE	50-64	55-59
MEDIUM	24-37	29-31
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT		

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL JULY 01, 2005

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	57.00	55.50	30.00
SOUTHEAST	55.50	53.50	28.00
MIDWEST	50.00	47.50	21.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	59.50	56.50	30.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	55.68	53.39	27.61

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	07-05-05	06-28-05	07-06-04
Large	31-40	28-37	38-45
Medium	7-11	7-11	20-24

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM JUL 05, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Northeast	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.4	8.9	4.6	11.6	9.8	43.3
	Change	0.3	-1.8	0.0	1.2	-1.4	-4%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.8	31.5	14.3	27.1	33.6	128.3
	Change	0.3	6.0	2.6	5.9	2.5	16%
Large	Curr Wk	56.4	103.7	61.6	117.3	81.6	420.6
	Change	4.8	23.2	12.4	30.9	3.0	21%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.9	61.9	20.0	32.4	33.5	162.7
	Change	-1.1	6.7	-1.2	3.5	3.9	8%
Small	Curr Wk	10.0	19.8	3.4	8.0	6.1	47.3
	Change	0.5	1.9	-0.1	0.1	-1.1	3%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.7	35.8	10.0	13.3	6.2	70.0
	Change	-0.8	-4.5	2.3	0.2	0.2	-4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	18.6	39.4	19.0	53.5	31.9	162.4
	Change	-2.4	-6.0	5.7	19.1	2.6	13%
Total	Curr Wk	134.8	301.0	132.9	263.2	202.7	1,034.6
Percent	Change	1%	9%	20%	30%	5%	13%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators	

Shell Egg	1,034.6	13%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	270.0	3%	35
Total Shell Egg	1,304.6	11%	210

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 175 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 02-JUL-05

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,328,610	30,406	13,425	6,888	3,356	4,550
PW	1,378,428	32,841	13,156	7,232	3,704	4,351
Last Year	1,272,734	30,372	12,036	6,330	2,895	4,294
% Chg PWK	-4%	-7%	2%	-5%	-9%	5%
% Chg LY	4%	0%	12%	9%	16%	6%
2005	33,755,966	796,323	336,056	180,028	76,543	115,038
2004	31,531,762	746,141	303,799	167,793	71,508	108,349
% Chg YTD	7%	7%	11%	7%	7%	6%
Average Yield Per Case -		Current		Previous		Last
		Week		Week		Year
(Inedible Included)		41.60		41.77		41.67
(Inedible Excluded)		38.17		38.62		38.29

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands;
may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	547,211	41.2%	13,928	45.8%
PREVIOUS WEEK	558,871	40.5%	14,312	43.6%
LAST YEAR	518,245	40.7%	12,925	42.6%

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	19 Selected States		in 19 Selected States	
	JUN 25	JUL 02	JUN 25	JUN 02
	Thousand			
AL	30,846	31,374	21,560	22,088
AR	30,905	30,301	*25,430	25,723
DE	4,061	3,798	*5,822	5,973
FL	1,403	1,342	1,482	1,516
GA	33,138	32,342	28,325	26,963
KY	*6,560	6,999	*6,222	5,526
LA	4,105	4,042	4,057	3,801
MD	9,016	9,021	*5,533	5,412
MS	18,959	19,191	17,212	17,248
NC	18,590	17,716	15,001	15,713
OK	*6,508	6,563	5,405	4,761
PA	*3,979	3,878	*2,963	2,880
SC	5,065	5,283	4,605	4,434
TX	15,257	14,589	12,972	12,908
VA	6,495	6,282	*5,496	5,101
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,797	17,427	*16,213	17,588

19 State Total *212,684 210,148 *178,298 177,635

Previous Year Total 212,929 210,618 175,595 176,751

Pct. of Prev. Year 100 100 102 101

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 13-Aug-05 is estimated at 163.8 million head. This compares to 163.7 million head the previous week and to 165.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 163.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 75.97 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 06/30/05-07/06/05

CURRENT LDS 87.00 FUTURE LDS 55.00 TOTAL LDS 142.00

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	35.67	45.45	36.00	37.68	41.62	37.00	29.00
GNR W 2	—	—	34.75	36.50	—	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	52.50	—	2.00
GL W XL	—	51.67	51.60	53.13	46.67	46.00	21.75
GL W LG	—	50.40	44.00	46.00	43.25	—	24.00
GL W MD	—	20.29	—	—	27.75	—	4.00
GL W SM	19.25	21.25	14.00	16.22	—	—	7.75
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	25.00	—	23.00	10.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	15.83	17.60	21.00
NRBS - 39	14.50	—	—	—	15.25	14.00	7.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 02-JUL-2005

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
Atlanta	23.7	23.7	0	-10
Boston	3.1	3.3	-6	-9
Chicago	83.7	69.2	21	52
Detroit	19.5	29.1	-33	-27
Kansas City	2.7	6.1	-56	-39
Los Angeles	120.3	113.1	6	31
New Orleans	8.1	6.1	33	-1
New York	31.2	27.8	12	-3
St. Louis	14.3	18.3	-22	-2
San Francisco	18.1	17.6	3	-17
Total	324.7	314.3	3	14
4 Week Moving Avg.	311.1			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 02-JUL-05

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,908	2,687	74	3	4,672
Avg Wt	15.77	37.09	24.92	23.70	28.18
Last week	1,999	2,714	26	5	4,744
Same wk yr ago	1,809	2,728	44	5	4,586
Avg Wt	15.94	36.27	24.75	26.44	28.13
To-date/2005	43,616	66,371	617	74	110,678
To-date/2004	44,604	65,387	1,163	173	111,327

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 02-JUL-05

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED		AVG	
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	THOUSAND	HEAD	LIVE WT	
North East	721	-2	24.01	(A)	722	24.01
South Atlantic	688	-5	32.96	(A)	689	32.96
North Central	2,204	-1	31.42	(A)	2,205	31.42
South Central	704	-1	18.52	(A)	704	18.52
West	352	2	26.47	(A)	352	26.47
U.S. total	4,669(B)	-1	28.18	3	4,672	28.18
To-date						
2005	110,604(B)				74	110,678
To-date						
2004	111,154(B)				173	111,327

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 74,000; for the current year to date 617,000; for last year to date 1,163,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 02-JUL-2005

(PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	174,829	1,574	1,452	3,026	482
Avg Wt	5.47	3.27	8.03	5.55	6.53
Last week	171,159	1,658	1,572	3,230	476
Same wk yr ago	160,885	1,452	1,354	2,806	480
Avg Wt	5.09	3.42	7.73	5.50	6.37
To-date/2005	4,154,948	40,438	35,973	76,411	12,958
To-date/2004	4,032,325	34,697	33,766	68,463	12,074

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 167.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 177.0 million head, or 9.8 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 09-JUL-05

	CURRENT WEEK 07/09/05(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 07/02/05
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
Broiler/fryer	148,056(2)	174,838
Light hens	1,296	1,557
Heavy hens	1,212	1,461
Total	150,564	177,856

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 09-Jul-05 is 166.8 million head compared to 147.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 148.4 million head or 18.4 million less than estimated available. For the week of 16-Jul-05 the estimated available is 166.6 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
May	28 164.0	166.5	98%	5.23
June	4 149.9	165.9	90%	5.30
	11 169.2	167.1	101%	5.35
	18 171.9	168.3	102%	5.36
	25 173.2	167.6	103%	5.29
July	2 177.0	167.2	106%	5.47
Year to date	4,205.4	4,270.4	98%	
July	9	166.8		
	16	166.6		

FINAL BROILER/FRYERS Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 04/JULY//2005 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	65.00-68.00	68.11	38	68.21	74
Los Angeles	81.00	80.64	61	74.44	147
New York	71.00-74.00	72.72	25	71.89	55

COMPOSITE WTD AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from 04-JUL-2005	27-JUN-2005	27-JUN-2005	05-JUL-2004
	71.27	-49	71.76	83.44
NUMBER OF LOADS	602			

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-71	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-71	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	71	71.00	640

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	70-71	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	69-71	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	69-71	71	71.00	1120

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F.

2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting.

5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - SELECTED CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)**

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	07/04/05	3,418	116,948	47,021
AM	06/01/05	3,310	116,134	46,132
CHG		108	814	889
PCT CHG		3%	1%	2%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE (7 pounds and up) *Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 04-JULY-05

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
Southeast (1)	9.5-15.75 CENTS/LB.	12-14	13.04
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central (1)	9-16 CENTS/LB.	12-13.75	12.70

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

*Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

LIGHT TYPE Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

	REMOVAL COST	
	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	3-13	9-11
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	5-14	5-6

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 02-JUL-05	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
REGIONS			
North Atlantic	252.2	4	2
East North Central	591.9	-3	8
West North Central	291.5	-4	4
South Atlantic	198.5	-4	-4
South Central	61.6	1	-12
West	206.3	4	10
Total	1,602	-1	4
Matched plants reporting		86	85

Areas Covered:

North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MD,DE)

East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN)

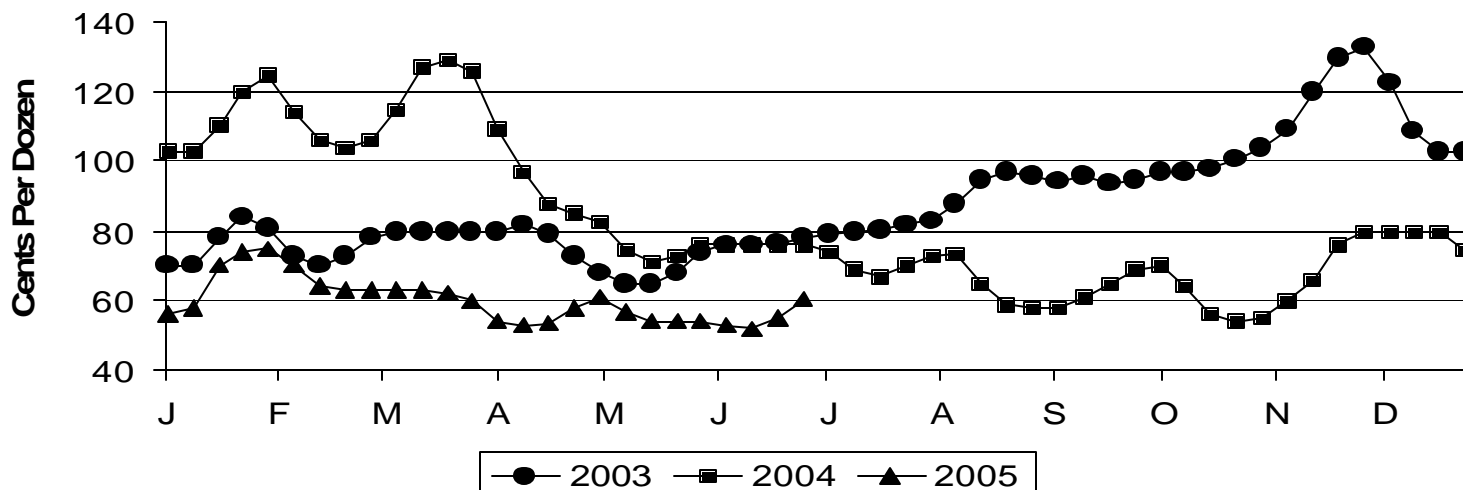
West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY)

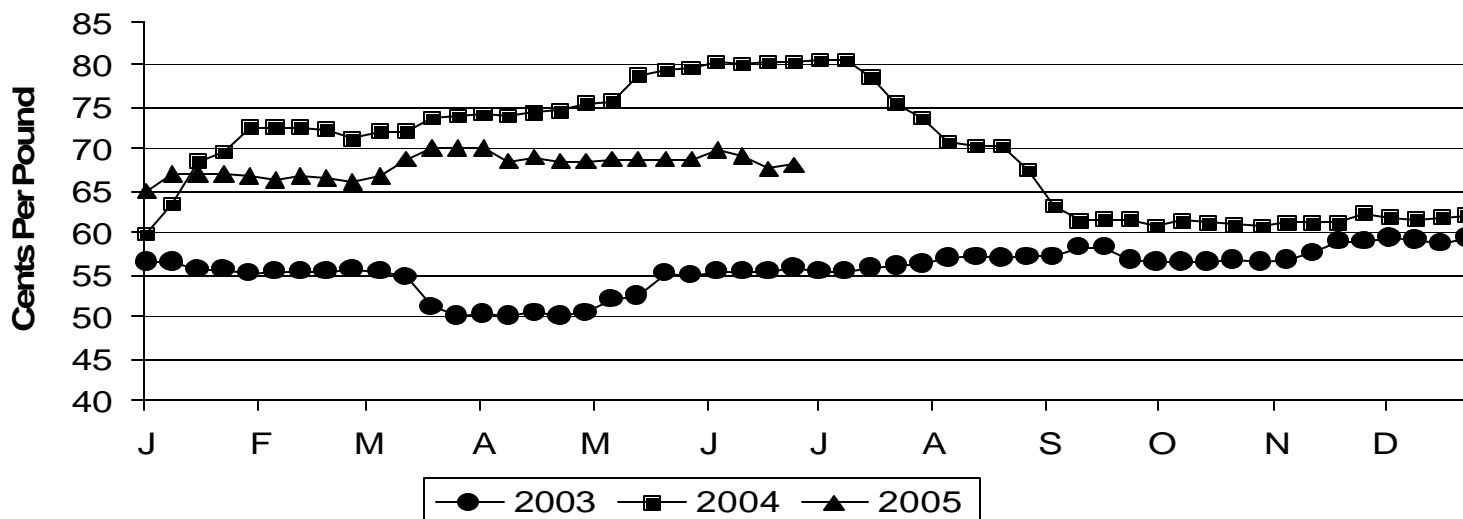
South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

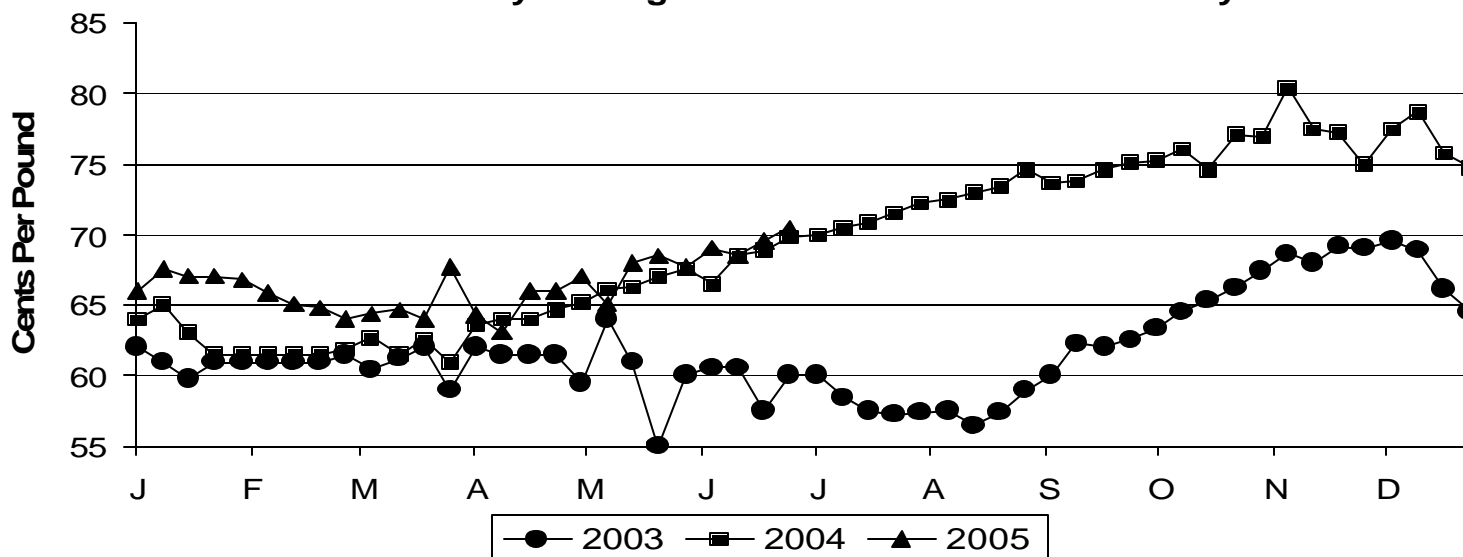
New York Large Weekly Average Price



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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